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SYNOPSIS

Extends pilot program authorizing special occasion events at wineries on preserved farmland.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning wineries on preserved farmland and amending
2 P.L.2018, c.30.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.2018, c.30 (C.4:1C-32.12) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 of P.L.2014,
10 c.16 to the contrary, sections 1 through 5 of P.L.2014, c.16 (C.4:1C-
11 32.7 through C.4:1C-32.11) shall be and remain in effect **[for two**
12 **years]** following the effective date of **[this act]** P.L. _____, c.
13 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or May 30, 2020,
14 whichever date is later, and , if appropriate, shall be retroactive to
15 **[March 1, 2018]** May 30, 2020.

16 (cf: P.L.2018, c.30, s.1)

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18 2. Section 2 of P.L.2018, c.30 (C.4:1C-32.13) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 2. a. Each county agriculture development board shall
21 prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Legislature, pursuant
22 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), an annual report.
23 Each annual report shall include findings that summarize the
24 activities of wineries on preserved farmland in the county of the
25 board's jurisdiction and make recommendations for the pilot
26 program established pursuant to P.L.2014, c.16 (C.4:1C-32.7 et
27 seq.).

28 b. The State Agriculture Development Committee shall prepare
29 and submit to the Governor and to the Legislature, pursuant to
30 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) **[**:

31 (1) an interim report, within 30 days after the effective date of
32 this act; and

33 (2) a final report, at least 45 days before the expiration of the
34 pilot program established pursuant to P.L.2014, c.16 (C.4:1C-32.7
35 et seq.) and extended pursuant to this act **] a biennial report.**

36 c. **[The interim and final reports]** Each biennial report required
37 pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall review the
38 implementation and operation of the pilot program established
39 pursuant to P.L.2014, c.16 (C.4:1C-32.7 et seq.), summarize the
40 findings and recommendations of the annual reports prepared
41 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, and make
42 recommendations to the Governor and Legislature to amend **[**,
43 extend,**]** or make permanent the program.

44 (cf: P.L.2018, c.30, s.2.)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
2 inoperative until May 30, 2020.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill amends current law to continue the pilot program
8 allowing special occasion events to be conducted at wineries on
9 preserved farmland and require periodic reports.

10 The pilot program was created by P.L.2014, c.16 (C.4:1C-32.7 et
11 seq.). It was established to last for 44 months and was set to expire
12 on March 1, 2018. The original enactment did not contain reporting
13 requirements. The program was extended for two additional years
14 by the enactment of P.L.2018, c.30. The 2018 enactment was
15 effective on May 30, 2018 and was made retroactive to March 1,
16 2018 to cover the gap period.

17 The 2018 enactment also implemented reporting requirements.
18 Under its provisions:

19 (1) County agricultural development boards (CADB) are
20 required to submit annual reports which include findings that
21 summarize the activities of wineries on preserved farmland in the
22 county of the board's jurisdiction and make recommendations for
23 the pilot program; and

24 (2) The State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) is
25 required to submit interim and final reports that review the
26 implementation and operation of the pilot program, summarize the
27 findings and recommendations of the annual reports prepared by the
28 CADBs, and make recommendations to the Governor and
29 Legislature.

30 This bill continues the pilot program beyond its May 30, 2020
31 expiration and does not set an expiration date. Under the provisions
32 of the bill, the CADBs would submit annual reports and the SADC
33 would submit biennial reports. The bill also will be retroactive, if
34 appropriate, to May 30, 2020.